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Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 18 September 2009, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-fourth session the item entitled "Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered agenda item 136 at its 2nd, 3rd and 4th meetings, from 5 to 7 October 2009. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/64/SR.2-4). An addendum to the present report will reflect further consideration of the item by the Committee during the sixty-fourth session.

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Committee on Contributions;[1]

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on multi-year payment plans (A/64/68).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/64/L.2

4. At its 4th meeting, on 7 October, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: requests under Article 19 of the Charter" (A/C.5/64/L.2), which was submitted by the representative of Thailand and Vice-Chairperson of the Committee.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/64/L.2 without a vote (see para. 6).

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 11* (A/64/11).

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III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: requests under Article 19 of the Charter

The General Assembly,

Having considered chapter V of the report of the Committee on Contributions on its sixty-ninth session,[2]

Reaffirming the obligation of Member States under Article 17 of the Charter of the United Nations to bear the expenses of the Organization as apportioned by the General Assembly,

1. *Reaffirms* its role in accordance with the provisions of Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations and the advisory role of the Committee on Contributions in accordance with rule 160 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly;

2. *Also reaffirms* its resolution 54/237 C of 23 December 1999;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to bring to the attention of Member States the deadline specified in resolution 54/237 C, including through an early announcement in the *Journal of the United Nations* and through direct communication;

4. *Urges* all Member States requesting exemption under Article 19 of the Charter to submit as much information as possible in support of their requests and to consider submitting such information in advance of the deadline specified in resolution 54/237 C so as to enable the collation of any additional detailed information that may be necessary;

5. *Agrees* that the failure of the Central African Republic, the Comoros, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Sao Tome and Principe and Somalia to pay the full minimum amount necessary to avoid the application of Article 19 of the Charter was due to conditions beyond their control;

6. *Decides* that the Central African Republic, the Comoros, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Sao Tome and Principe and Somalia shall be permitted to vote in the General Assembly until the end of its sixty-fourth session.

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[2] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 11* (A/64/11).